



# San Gabriel Valley *Orchid* Hobbyists

## Bulletin

**September Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 19, 2013**  
**7:30 PM Plant Judging**  
**8:00 PM General Session**

Our regular meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at  
Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden,  
Lecture Hall, 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia

**SPEAKER: ROY TOKUNAGA**  
**TOPIC: "FLOWER BOOSTING ORCHIDS:**  
**LATEST INFORMATION IN GETTING MORE FLOWERS"**

We are pleased to have Roy Tokunaga as our guest speaker this month. He resides in Hawaii and owns H&R Nursery located on the windward side of Oahu in Waimanalo. Roy will also bring plants to sell at the meeting.

I grew up on the beautiful island of Maui, in the Hawaiian Island chain. I left Maui for Honolulu, Oahu to attend the University of Hawaii. It was in the honors program, my favorite mentor, Dr. Yoneo Sagawa, introduced me to Orchids and the new emerging technology of Orchid seed germination and cloning. I eventually earned a Bachelors in Education, to teach biology. I was recruited to work at an Orchid cloning laboratory, E&R Orchids. For seven years I honed my skills in seed germination and cloning. In 1981, I partnered with Harry Akagi to start H&R Nurseries in Waimanalo, Hawaii on the island of Oahu. I am an accredited judge for the American Orchid Society as well as the Honolulu Orchid Society.

Today, I have been hybridizing, cloning, and germinating seeds for more than 30 years. H&R maintains a laboratory to do its seed germination and grows Orchids under two acres of shade houses. We have been refocusing H&R to excel in the culture of species as well as providing hybrids in the Dendrobium and Cattleya Alliance. My passion has been the proper nutrition of Orchids and the mythical flower booster. I am working on a power point program to share my discoveries.

### Plant Opportunity Table

The plant table for this month will be provided by Roy's nursery in Hawaii, **H & R Nursery**. Don't forget to get your tickets?

### October Meeting

No Meeting in October due to the Southland Orchid Show at The Huntington.

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**The Southland Orchid Show at the Huntington Library & Botanical Gardens on October 18 – 20**  
**Is Fast approaching ... please read →→→→**

**AUGUST PLANT JUDGING**

Species	Plant Name	Owners Name
Cultural:	Lycaste aromatica	Jose Gonzalez
1 <sup>st</sup>	Catasetum callosum	David Campen
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bulb. carunculatum	Dann Dunst
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Hon.		
Cattleyas		
Cultural:	L. Clayton Wagley	Greg Orozco
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lc. Loog Tone 'African Beauty'	Y.S. Farn
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lc. Schilleriana	S&D Lundine
3 <sup>rd</sup>	C. Unknown	Y.S. Farn
Hon.	C. Unknown	Jan Pluim
Cattleyas Mini		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Hon.		
Cymbidium		
Cultural:		
Hon.		
Cymbidium- Novelty		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cym. Madidum x aloifolium	Una Yeh
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cym. Yu Qi Lin	Una Yeh
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Dendrobiums		
Cultural:	Den. Amabile	Y.S. Farn
1 <sup>st</sup>	Den. Chao Praya 'Blue Lagoon'	Kay Hudspeth
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Den. Golden Arch	Kay Hudspeth
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Den. Unknown	Tuan Ngo
Oncidiums		
Cultural:	Onc. Maui Gold 'Polida'	Una Yeh
1 <sup>st</sup>	Onc. Unknown	Victoria Plewinski
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brassia Unknown	Kay Hudspeth
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mtssa. Dark Star 'Darth Vadar'	Jim Gomes
Hon.	Mtssa. Dark Star 'Darth Vadar'	Anna Plewinski
Paph & Phrags		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Paph. Mrs. Coburn	Una Yeh
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paph. Unknown	Dann Dunst
Std. Phals		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Mini Phals		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dtps. Fire Cracker	S&D Lundine
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Vandaceous		
Cultural:		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
Other Genera		
Cultural:	Nageliella Purpurea	Y.S. Farn
1 <sup>st</sup>	Psychopsis	Kay Hudspeth
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Encyclia Alata x sib	Una Yeh
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ascf. Twinkly	Una Yeh
Hon.	Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Bluebird'	Una Yeh

SGVOH will have a floor display at the show. This is your chance to have your blooming orchids admired by hundreds of people & perhaps win a prize or two. SGVOH's display has a good chance of winning a top prize. So on top of having people oohing & aahing over your orchids, you will get the bragging right of having your orchids displayed at an award winning display.

In order to enter your plants & get them judged, you need to bring your plants to the Huntington on Wednesday, 10/16; judging is 10/17. You will need to provide info about your plant(s). You can pick up the info sheets at the SGVOH meeting on 9/19. If you think you will have a blooming plant around 10/16 & would like to display it at the Show, please give the info to me at [irene.la@verizon.net](mailto:irene.la@verizon.net), or 626-964-4785 anytime prior to 10/16.

Thank you. Looking forward to seeing your orchids at the Show.

Irene, President

**ADVERTISING IN THE BULLETIN**

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**Bulletin Deadline:** Those wishing to place announcements in the bulletin should get the information to the editor, **Jim Gomes** (626)577-7220 or [jim.gomes@att.net](mailto:jim.gomes@att.net), by the Friday following the fourth Thursday of the month.

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**Membership  
Welcome  
Message**

We had 32 members and 1 guest in attendance for the August meeting.

# Monthly Checklist for September and October

## **Cattleya**

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.

Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.

This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too.

Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.

## **Cycnoches**

This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches chlorochilon*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

## **Cymbidium**

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

## **Dendrobium**

This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.

## **Paphiopedilum**

Standard, green-leaved paphiopedilums begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.

## **Phalaenopsis**

The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial.

## **Rossioglossum grande**

Once known as *Odontoglossum grande*, this is a spectacular orchid with six to eight flowers up to 8 inches across. Often known as the tiger orchid, it has bright golden yellow flowers heavily marked with chestnut brown barring. The plants are beautiful with a grey-green cast to the foliage, which is borne on succulent pseudobulbs. It prefers hot and wet summers with cooler, even down to 40 F, dry winters. Grow under filtered light. Watch for snails and slugs that eat the flowers, pseudobulbs and leaves.

*The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 21 - 22**  
**South Bay Orchid Society**  
**Show and Sale**

South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes, CA  
[www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)

**September 28 - 29**  
**Fascination of Orchids**

South Coast Plaza Village  
1631 West Sunflower  
Santa Ana, CA 92704  
[www.ocorchidshow.com](http://www.ocorchidshow.com)

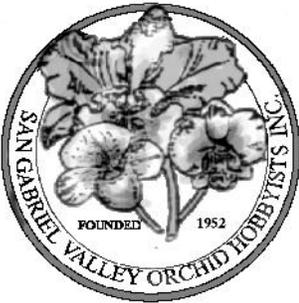
**October 5 - 6**  
**San Diego International**  
**Orchid Fair**

San Diego Botanic Garden  
230 Quail Gardens Drive  
Encinitas, CA  
[www.SDBGarden.org](http://www.SDBGarden.org)

**October 13**  
**Southern California OrchidSpecies Society**  
**Annual Auction**

Kraemer Memorial Park  
201 Bradford Ave.  
Placentia, CA  
[www.socalorchidspecies.com](http://www.socalorchidspecies.com)

The next **Board Meeting** will be held at 7 PM on **Thursday, September 26**, at the LA County Arboretum. Board members unable to attend should notify **Jim Gomes** ((626) 577-7220 or [jim.gomes@att.net](mailto:jim.gomes@att.net)).



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